Subject: Chat with William Walshe
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William: hey barrett, how's it going
me: good
William: eventful day
William: so, hey, did you catch that gnarly pastebin about how stratfor wasn't anonymous
me: saw it, yep
me: that you?
William: no comment atm.
William: but what's you're honest opinion on stratfor?
William: to me it looks like a case of opportunism, justified after the fact.
me: Stratfor hasn't done anything that would incline me to hack it
me: the point here is that the e-mails yielded will provide a wealth of intel on the folks that have been going after us, as well as other info of relevance to our investigation in general
William: possibly.
William: i would like to note that many antisec leaks have yielded basically nothing more damning than a few racist chainmails.
me: I agree
me: and much of what they've done, like Lulzsec, has damaged some of our credibility
William: well, anonymous can disown antisec.
me: but they've also struck some significant blows against legitimate targets
me: and I do support the hack of Stratfor insomuch as that we are increasingly in a state of war that requires continued and actionable intelligence
me: however, I'm proposing that we try to get them to cooperate in minimizing any damages to innocent parties
William: didn't they just release the info of 13k credit card accounts?
me: apparently
William: i have serious doubts about the intentions of sabu, if he's calling these shots.
me: you've had serious doubts about my intentions, enough that you've chosen to write things under my name
me: so, although some of your objections are valid, I'd take them more seriously if they came from someone who hasn't relied so much on disinfo
William: okay, that's totally fair. my intentions aren't crystal clear or anything.
me: at any rate, there's nothing I can do about that
me: about them releasing credit card info
William: right
William: well, at what point is disowning antisec the best course of action? where do you draw the line?
me: when antisec becomes worse than our enemies, that would certainly do it

me: as to where I'd draw the line
me: it would be well before that happens
me: it's like, in U.S. foreign policy, how much do you work with the Soviets against the Nazis?
William: well let's put this through the wringer, then, and compare stratfor to wikileaks.
William: stratfor and possibly clients of stratfor have been financially punished apparently just for their association with stratfor
me: yes, yes
William: wikileaks, and supporters of wikileaks have dealt with the same stuff
me: I see where you're going with this
me: I would note that our tactics don't involve disinfo, that this attack is being done in retaliation for the arguably worse attacks against us by many of Stratfor's clients...
me: that our attack does not draw upon forced taxation of the same population that is being lied to in the course of the anti-Wikileaks campaign
me: and if I weren't on two tamazapam I would continue
William: lol
me: so we'll have to pick this up later
me: I would also note that I'd much rather have my credit card compromised than have my ability to speak on my own behalf compromised
William: even by your criteria, antisec is on thin ice.
William: and yes, i think misinfo on stratfor has been spread. not purposeful disinfo, just kind of a wrong idea of what they do.
William: and that does make it a shred nicer than what happened to wikileaks
me: yes, several of the people involved have put out misinformation, rather than disinformation, simply because they don't know what Stratfor actually does